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Dear resident,

We are writing to ask for your support at the election on Thursday 2nd May for Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council. Here are some reasons why you might consider voting for us:

- **We care about the local community.** After all, we live here, Simon is raising his children here, and Chris has been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to buy his first flat here and put down local roots. We want to see our local parks and green spaces looked after and used. That's why at Winton Rec we worked to get the public toilets reopened, and we've got a new gate installed, with a new water fountain (for people and dogs) also coming by this summer. It's why we're campaigning for Winton Library Gardens to be reopened. We want to continue to push for a sustainable future for our area's families and communities, with genuine steps by the new council to improve the environment, air quality, transport and traffic management.
- **We have worked hard for Winton residents all year round.** No other party has worked as hard here as the Green Party, or achieved as much as Simon has, over the past four years. We've kept you informed in the newsletters we've delivered to you.
- **We've saved neighbourhood facilities and secured new ones.** As well as getting Winton Rec toilets reopened, Simon also saved the public toilets off Wimborne Road from closure, and has arranged a new disabled parking bay outside Winton Library, a cycle lane on Cardigan Road, and pushed for the flood prevention measures in Wimborne Road.
- **We have tackled dozens of individual problems for local residents,** including with bins, parking, planning issues, and housing. This area currently has one Green and two Conservative councillors, and **only Simon from the Green Party has run regular resident surgeries.**
- **Simon has also channelled local improvement funding to a range of other great projects around Winton,** including Winton Carnival, a cleanup of Fampoux Gardens, Hope for Food, Winton in Bloom, the 38th Scout Group, Stanfield Road Home Watch, and Winton Forum.
- **Only the Green Party can be trusted to oppose all future oil extraction.** After the Bournemouth Beach test oil rig, our town now faces long-term new offshore oil drilling, leading to millions of tonnes of new carbon emissions. We have been consistent campaigners against new local drilling, with Chris a driving force in community interest group SOS Save Our Shores. Conservative politicians have been ramming through Bournemouth Beach oil drilling while blocking local renewable energy plans, and the local Conservative MP Conor Burns is in the pay

of a company working in the oil industry. Bournemouth Labour say the right things in opposition to local drilling plans, but national Labour Party policy is to 'protect' oil and gas industries.

- **Unlike the Conservative candidates, we're free to vote for what's best for this area.** The Green Party never tell their councillors how to vote. So we can be independently minded voices for Winton, putting residents and not party politics first.
- **We offer alternative voices and scrutiny, badly needed here.** Almost all councillors across Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole are Conservatives. Simon is currently the only councillor in Bournemouth from a different party, and has served as Bournemouth's Leader of the Opposition – **challenging Conservative austerity cuts** for Winton and Bournemouth. However you may vote nationally, it's known that 'one-party state' councils without a reasonable number of opposition councillors holding them to account tend to deliver worse value for money. A vote for us is a vote for more debate and more scrutiny in our new council – better for everyone.
- **We have the skills, experience and passion needed to achieve things for Winton.** Coming from a finance background, Simon now runs a locally based national charity, after setting up and running for 14 years an arts charity working with disadvantaged members of the Bournemouth community. Chris works as a project manager in sustainable roofing, putting local environmental aspirations into practice every day, and he is a facilitator of a local climate campaign group and an active member of Greenpeace UK. We are both Winton residents, Simon for fourteen years.
- **Only we or the Conservative candidates can win.** The two parties who won seats here last time were the Conservatives and Green Party. No other party holds any council seats in the whole of Bournemouth, and votes for any other party won't decide the result here. Back us this time to keep the Green Party's hard work going all year round. A vote for anyone else will get you Conservative councillors.

We have loved working with you and for you, finding out what matters to you and trying to find solutions to problems and to make this area better – for the benefit of everyone here. That's why we're standing in this election.

We would be honoured to be your representatives on the new Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council, to get even more done for you as a councillor team.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Simon' written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath. The second signature, on the right, is 'Chris' written in a similar cursive style.

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Independently minded Green Party candidates
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council election

P.S. Don't forget – only we or the Conservative Party candidates can win. Any other votes won't decide the outcome of this election.